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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Introduction

This publication contains estimates of the income in 1978-79 of several types of income units (defined in paragraphs 4 to 6). The estimates were derived from a survey of annual income which was conducted throughout Australia in the period September to December 1979. Some statistics of the income of individuals, unemployed persons, income units and families have already been published (see paragraph 31) and further statistics will be published shortly.

2. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 15,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covered about one-third of one per cent of the population of Australia.

### Scope

3. The estimates relate to all persons aged fifteen years and over except: members of the Australian defence forces living in military establishments; certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments customarily excluded from census and estimated populations; overseas visitors holidaying in Australia; members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia; students in boarding schools, patients in hospitals and sanatoria and inmates of gaols, reformatories, etc.

### Definitions

4. *Married couple income units* consist of a husband, wife and dependent children (if any), as defined. De facto relationships are included.

5. *One parent income units* consist of a parent and at least one dependent child; they cannot include a married couple.

6. *One person income units* consist of persons who are either living alone or with a group of unrelated individuals or with an income unit to whose members they are related. Independent children living with their parents are classed as one person income units.

7. *Dependent children* are all unmarried persons living with their parent(s) and either under 15 years of age, or full-time students aged 15-20 years whose earned income in 1978-79 was less than \$1,600. All children born during 1979 are excluded from the tables.

8. *Total income.* Questions were asked in respect of each person aged fifteen years or over, except those attending school full time, on the amount of income received in 1978-79 from each of the following sources: wages or salary; own business, farm, profession, etc. (net income); share in a partnership (net income); government social security and welfare cash benefits; superannuation; interest, dividends, rent, etc.; other sources, e.g. trust or will, maintenance or alimony.

9. *Income from wages or salary* was defined as income from all wage or salary jobs before the deduction of tax. Workers' compensation payments (other than lump sum payments) for temporary loss of wages or salary were included. Items such as payments in kind, employer contributions to board or rent, gratuities and tips, etc. may be subject to misreporting or omission.

10. *Income from own business, farm, profession, etc. and income from a share in a partnership.* In both of these cases, income was defined to be net of business expenses. If no income had been received in 1978-79 or a loss had been made, income from these sources was recorded as nil.

11. *Income from government social security and welfare cash benefits* includes income received through programmes of assistance to aged persons, incapacitated and handicapped persons, unemployed and sick persons, veterans and their dependants, widowed and deserted spouses, families and children; cash benefits for education; and other social security and welfare programmes.

12. *Income from superannuation* comprises regular payments made to a retired person or his survivors by a former employer, either directly or through a superannuation fund, insurance company, etc. Any lump sum payment received by a person on his retirement was excluded.

13. *Interest, dividends, rent, etc.* includes interest on savings, bonds, debentures, etc., dividends from stocks and shares, net income from rental of a house or other property and net royalties.

14. *Income from other sources* comprises income from items such as private educational scholarships; maintenance or alimony; a trust or will; and an annuity. Income paid at regular intervals and received by a beneficiary under a will, settlement, deed, gift or instrument of trust was included. However, a lump sum payment from any of these sources was not regarded as income.

15. *Principal source of income* is that source of income which contributes the largest share of total income. For married couple income units the principal source of income of the unit is derived from the combined income of husband and wife. For one parent income units the principal source of income of the unit is derived from the income of the head only. In view of the method by which principal source of income has been determined, income received by dependent children is excluded from Tables 14, 15, 23 and 25.

16. *Earned income* is income from wages or salary or income from own business, farm, profession, etc. or income from a share in a partnership or the sum of any of these components.

17. *Private income* is total income (as defined in paragraph 8) less income from government social security and welfare cash benefits.



18. *Median income* is the amount which divides the distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below it. Medians were calculated from grouped data with linear interpolation being used within the class interval in which the median fell.

19. *Mean income* is the amount obtained by dividing the total income of a group (e.g. married couple income units) by the number in that group.

20. *Full-time and part-time workers.* Persons were classified as either full-time or part-time workers on the basis of the kind of work in which they were mostly engaged during 1978-79, full-time work being defined as work occupying 35 hours or more per week.

21. *Full-year, full-time workers* are those who, for at least 50 weeks during 1978-79, worked in Australia or were on paid leave and were engaged mostly in full-time work. A person who worked for 26 weeks full-time and for 24 weeks part-time was classified as a full-year, full-time worker. However, it should be noted that most persons who work for a full year engage in either full-time or part-time work, but not in both.

22. *Full-year, part-time workers* are those who had worked in Australia or were on paid leave for at least 50 weeks during the year 1978-79 and had been engaged mostly in part-time work.

23. *Part-year, full-time workers* are those who had worked in Australia or were on paid leave for less than 50 weeks during the year 1978-79 and had been engaged mostly in full-time work. A person who had worked for 25 weeks full-time and for 24 weeks part-time would have been classified as a part-year, full-time worker; however, it should be noted that most persons who work for less than a year engage in either full-time or part-time work, but not in both.

24. *Part-year, part-time workers* are those who had worked in Australia or were on paid leave for less than 50 weeks during the year 1978-79 and had been engaged mostly in part-time work.

25. The areas determining the six State capital cities in Tables 8 and 27 are the Statistical Divisions for those capital cities as defined in *Census of Population and Housing, 1976, Population and Dwellings in Local Government Areas and Urban Centres (Preliminary)* (2401.0-2408.0).

#### Interpretation of results

26. Since the estimates are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. (See Technical note.) In addition, they are subject to errors of response and reporting. Although some respondents referred to their records, in many cases the answers to the questions on income were based on memory. Some understatement in the estimates may be expected because of imperfect recall or misunderstanding, particularly of minor or irregular sources of income.

27. The survey did not obtain information on the standard of living of income units or the way in which they had arranged their financial affairs. For a number of reasons the income reported as being received by an income unit does not necessarily reflect the income units' living standard. Gifts and donations, for example those made by relatives or charities, were not counted as income even though in many cases they may have been an important means of support. Many income units would have received benefits not involving direct cash payments (e.g. pensioner benefits of various kinds). Others may have chosen to live off their savings.

28. Characteristics of income units, such as marital status of members and composition of the unit (see paragraphs 4 to 6) are recorded as at the time of the interview. Some income units which experienced, between July 1978 and the date of the interview, a major change in their status of the kinds indicated below, were excluded from the tables:

- (a) income units whose head or spouse had lived outside Australia for more than twelve weeks during 1978-79 and had worked overseas in a job or jobs unrelated to an Australian job or business (e.g. migrants arriving in Australia after September 1978 and Australian residents who worked temporarily overseas),
- (b) income units whose female head had lived with her husband for more than twelve weeks during 1978-79 but was not doing so at the time of the interview (e.g. females who were widowed or became separated after September 1978) and
- (c) income units containing a person aged 15 years or over who was at school for more than twelve weeks during 1978-79, but was not at school and not living with parent(s) at the time of the interview.

Income units where the head or spouse was outside the scope of the survey (see paragraph 3) or was a non-respondent were also excluded.

29. Other points which should be kept in mind in interpreting the results of this survey are as follows:

- (a) For the purposes of the survey, total income included all income received while living in Australia (including income received from an overseas source) and all income received from an Australian source while living overseas.
- (b) The income of an income unit does not include amounts received by persons who were members of the income unit during all or part of the year 1978-79 but no longer resided with the income unit at the time of the interview. Thus, income received during 1978-79 by persons who had died before the interview was not included.
- (c) Income units receiving no income in 1978-79 have been included in the calculation of mean and median incomes.



### Reliability of the estimates

30. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the information had been obtained from occupants of all dwellings. An indication of the likely differences is given in the Technical note. See also paragraph 26 regarding non-sampling errors.

### Related publications

31. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

*Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79: Individuals  
(Preliminary) (6501.0)*

*Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79: Individuals*  
(6502.0)

*Unemployed Persons: Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79 (6521.0)*

*Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79: Income Units  
(Preliminary) (6522.0)*

*Income Distribution, Australia, 1978-79: Families (Preliminary) (6506.0)*

*Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution), Australia,  
August 1981 (6310.0)*

*Earnings and Hours of Employees, Distribution and Composition, Australia, May 1981 (6306.0)*

32. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

### Symbols and other usages

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 9 of the Technical note.

33. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.



TABLE 1. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN  
AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

			Married couple income units					One parent income units					
			With dependent children										
			No de- pendent children	One de- pendent child	Two de- pendent children	Three or more de- pendent children	Total with de- pendent children	Total married couple income units	One de- pendent child	Two or more de- pendent children	Total	One person income units	All income units
—' 000—													
Total income (\$)—													
Nil			6.2	*	*	*	*	6.2	*	*	*	34.7	41.6
I and under 2,000			8.7	*	8.4	6.0	19.5	28.2	*	*	9.2	161.4	198.8
2,000	..	3,000	22.9	14.8	10.8	7.2	35.5	27.4	6.9	*	9.4	520.8	557.7
3,000	..	4,000	17.7					28.0	26.1	8.6	34.7	402.2	464.8
4,000	..	5,000	159.2					17.9	14.8	30.5	45.4	195.7	418.2
5,000	..	6,000	113.5					16.7	12.3	6.5	23.4	29.8	178.2
6,000	..	7,000	78.5	15.4	11.4	11.9	38.6	117.1	*	9.3	14.5	169.3	300.9
7,000	..	8,000	47.8	16.1	17.7	16.1	49.9	97.7	6.4	7.3	10.7	176.5	284.8
8,000	..	9,000	59.3	24.2	29.9	18.6	72.7	132.0	7.3		10.4	200.1	342.5
9,000	..	10,000	63.3	24.7	28.2	18.0	70.9	134.3	6.5	6.3	10.4	167.6	312.3
10,000	..	11,000	71.5	40.9	49.1	25.9	115.8	187.4	7.7		10.1	151.4	348.8
11,000	..	12,000	57.8	33.1	47.9	32.9	113.9	171.7	7.7	*	13.0	101.8	278.0
12,000	..	13,000	61.9	39.3	52.3	35.9	127.5	189.4		7.9	14.0	82.3	276.7
13,000	..	14,000	51.0	33.2	53.6	29.6	116.5	167.5			14.0	57.9	228.9
14,000	..	15,000	52.6	35.2	36.4	31.2	102.8	155.5			14.0	44.3	203.4
15,000	..	16,000	57.5	38.4	50.6	38.0	127.0	184.5	6.1	7.9	14.0	37.1	225.2
16,000	..	18,000	114.1	52.2	88.0	56.8	197.1	311.2			14.0	39.2	352.8
18,000	..	20,000	110.8	47.2	65.8	49.5	162.5	273.3	6.1	7.9	14.0	18.9	296.5
20,000	..	25,000	180.9	77.3	115.2	74.5	267.0	447.9			14.0	19.4	470.3
25,000	..	30,000	82.3	27.3	36.4	30.3	94.0	176.4			14.0	18.2	182.2
30,000	..	40,000	38.9	21.9	27.5	25.7	75.1	114.0			14.0	14.9	121.1
40,000 and over			23.2	10.3	14.9	9.6	34.8	58.0	*	*	6.3	63.4	63.4
Total			1,479.9	573.1	756.5	524.3	1,853.9	3,333.8	109.4	109.3	218.7	2,773.5	6,325.9
—dollars—													
Median total income			12,540	14,660	15,400	15,590	15,240	14,350	5,350	5,330	5,330	5,400	9,610
Mean total income			14,150	15,940	16,760	17,010	16,580	15,500	7,270	7,370	7,320	6,590	11,310



TABLE 2. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, NEW SOUTH WALES, 1978-79

Married couple income units										
With dependent children						Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units	
No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children						
— ' 000 —										
Total income (\$)—										
Under 7,000		143.5	22.5	12.0	10.7	45.3	188.8	45.0	589.1	822.9
7,000 and under 10,000		56.6	19.0	25.4	18.4	62.8	119.4	15.9	194.6	329.9
10,000	.. 12,000	43.0	25.7	29.7	19.1	74.4	117.4	7.1	103.2	227.8
12,000	.. 14,000	40.8	25.6	32.6	20.7	78.9	119.7	*	54.0	176.9
14,000	.. 16,000	37.4	27.1	31.0	24.7	82.8	120.2	8.9	29.0	152.0
16,000	.. 18,000	39.9	18.6	32.8	18.4	69.8	109.7		14.6	125.3
18,000	.. 20,000	37.7	15.6	23.2	18.0	56.8	94.5		6.3	103.7
20,000	.. 25,000	72.2	27.2	40.7	26.3	94.2	166.4		7.8	175.1
25,000	.. 30,000	30.7	11.5	11.4	11.9	34.7	65.5		*	67.2
30,000 and over		20.9	9.9	13.6	12.5	36.0	56.8		*	61.2
Total		522.7	202.7	252.3	180.7	635.7	1,158.4	80.1	1,003.4	2,241.9
—dollars—										
Median total income		12,890	14,630	15,710	15,740	15,360	14,560	6,310	5,580	9,710
Mean total income		14,350	15,910	16,710	17,260	16,610	15,590	8,180	6,700	11,340

TABLE 3. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, VICTORIA, 1978-79

Married couple income units									
With dependent children						Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children					
—' 000—									
Total income (\$)—									
Under 7,000	102.5	10.6	12.2	8.8	31.6	134.2	29.6	438.9	602.8
7,000 and under 10,000	50.6	18.9	20.0	14.0	52.9	103.5	15.0	147.0	257.6
10,000     "     12,000	40.1	19.9	24.0	15.5	59.4	99.5		63.4	164.8
12,000     "     14,000	27.7	18.0	24.7	18.3	61.0	88.7		40.6	130.7
14,000     "     16,000	31.4	18.3	21.1	20.3	59.7	91.1		25.0	118.2
16,000     "     18,000	32.5	14.8	23.6	17.1	55.5	88.0		11.6	99.6
18,000     "     20,000	32.2	14.4	16.7	13.1	44.2	76.3		11.2	82.1
20,000     "     25,000	47.4	21.9	41.0	20.4	83.4	130.8	49.6		135.8
25,000     "     30,000	21.1	7.1	13.9	7.0	28.0	49.1			49.6
30,000 and over	18.6	8.1	13.0	8.1	29.2	47.8			50.2
Total	404.1	152.1	210.2	142.5	504.8	908.9	44.7	737.8	1,691.4
—dollars—									
Median total income	12,640	14,940	16,260	15,450	15,590	14,630	5,520	5,440	9,830
Mean total income	14,190	15,870	17,450	16,520	16,710	15,590	7,190	6,580	11,440



**TABLE 4. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, QUEENSLAND, 1978-79**

Married couple income units									
With dependent children						Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children					
— '000—									
Total income (\$)—									
Under 7,000	77.7	8.3	7.2	5.4	21.0	98.7	29.5	260.5	388.7
7,000 and under 10,000	29.0	13.4	13.6	9.5	36.5	65.5	8.0	73.2	140.4
10,000 " 12,000	18.5	12.7	17.1	12.6	42.4	60.8		34.8	98.2
12,000 " 14,000	16.8	10.7	20.9	10.9	42.5	59.3		18.5	78.8
14,000 " 16,000	15.7	9.9	11.6	10.5	32.0	47.7		10.5	59.2
16,000 " 18,000	15.9	6.3	10.6	7.4	24.3	40.3		6.0	46.9
18,000 " 20,000	12.8	5.3	9.8	7.3	22.3	35.2		5.9	38.3
20,000 " 25,000	22.9	9.4	8.9	12.5	30.8	53.7	5.9	*	57.1
25,000 " 30,000	7.7	*	*	4.5	9.8	17.5			*
30,000 and over	7.8	5.9	5.8	6.3	18.0	25.7	*		27.0
Total	225.0	84.8	107.9	86.9	279.6	504.5	37.5	411.5	953.6
—dollars—									
Median total income	10,620	13,490	13,540	14,950	13,880	12,920	4,830	4,950	8,880
Mean total income	12,710	15,260	15,370	16,930	15,820	14,430	6,650	6,280	10,610

**TABLE 5. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

Married couple income units									
With dependent children						Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children					
— '000—									
Total income (\$)—									
Under 7,000	36.7	5.0	5.7	*	12.6	49.2	15.8	162.6	227.7
7,000 and under 10,000	18.8	5.3	7.5	4.2	17.1	35.9	5.7	51.8	89.5
10,000    "      12,000	12.7	5.9	13.3	5.3	24.4	37.1		14.9	53.6
12,000   "      14,000	13.2	7.3	12.4	5.1	24.9	38.1		8.1	46.7
14,000   "      16,000	10.3	6.8	10.1	*	19.7	29.9		4.2	35.1
16,000   "      18,000	11.6	4.3	11.0	5.0	20.4	31.9		4.3	33.5
18,000   "      20,000	11.5	5.2	5.8	3.7	14.7	26.2			28.0
20,000   "      25,000	13.0	7.2	8.1	4.9	20.2	33.2	4.3	*	34.9
25,000 and over	14.9	3.0	5.5	5.4	13.9	28.8			31.3
Total	142.6	50.1	79.4	38.4	167.8	310.5	21.5	248.2	580.2
—dollars—									
Median total income	12,470	14,440	14,150	15,970	14,500	13,730	4,700	4,820	9,090
Mean total income	14,310	15,290	15,960	17,970	16,220	15,340	6,630	6,130	11,080



**TABLE 6. ALL INCOME UNITS: TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

Married couple income units									
With dependent children						Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children					
— '000—									
Total income (\$)—									
Under 7,000	29.3	3.7	4.8	*	11.2	40.5	15.9	131.7	188.1
7,000 and under 10,000	10.9	5.8	6.3	4.1	16.2	27.1	3.3	49.2	79.6
10,000    "    12,000	10.0	6.4	8.2	4.1	18.7	28.7	*	25.0	54.1
12,000    "    14,000	9.9	7.5	10.6	6.8	24.9	34.8	*	9.9	45.5
14,000    "    16,000	10.2	6.4	8.5	6.9	21.9	32.0	*	7.9	40.3
16,000    "    18,000	9.5	5.5	7.0	6.5	19.0	28.4	*	} 4.4 {	31.1
18,000    "    20,000	10.2	4.5	7.5	3.3	15.3	25.5	*		27.2
20,000    "    25,000	14.0	7.5	11.4	6.5	25.4	39.4	*	} 4.1 {	41.6
25,000 and over	12.1	6.1	6.4	5.8	18.2	30.4	*		32.5
Total	116.2	53.5	70.7	46.5	170.7	286.8	21.1	232.2	540.1
—dollars—									
Median total income	13,580	15,010	15,270	15,650	15,320	14,770	4,860	6,020	10,090
Mean total income	14,610	16,600	16,470	17,230	16,720	15,870	5,910	6,880	11,620

**TABLE 7. ALL INCOME UNITS: TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, TASMANIA, 1978-79**

Married couple income units									
With dependent children						Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children					
—' 000—									
Total income (\$)— Under 10,000	16.9	3.7	2.4	*	7.7	24.6	} 7.3 {	66.3	97.0
10,000 and under 12,000	3.6	2.7	3.1	2.0	7.8	11.4		5.7	17.8
12,000    ,,    14,000	3.2	2.1	2.9	2.6	7.5	10.7	} * {	3.6	14.9
14,000    ,,    16,000	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.2	9.8	13.1		*	14.8
16,000    ,,    18,000	3.0	} 2.1 {	3.6	3.4 {	4.2	7.3	} * {	4.3 {	8.8
18,000    ,,    20,000	3.6				4.8	8.4			9.1
20,000 and over	9.7	3.6	4.4	3.4	11.4	21.1	*	}	21.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>184.2</b>
—dollars—									
Median total income	12,730	14,240	14,840	15,210	14,740	14,340	5,930	4,930	9,420
Mean total income	13,850	15,870	16,880	15,970	16,270	15,180	6,790	6,130	10,900



**TABLE 8. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES(a) AND REST OF AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

Married couple income units									
	With dependent children					Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
	No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children				
SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES									
—' 000—									
Total income (\$)— Under 5,000	124.3	8.0	7.1	*	20.2	144.5	63.0	809.2	1,016.6
5,000 and under 6,000	65.4	10.4	6.5	} 7.3 {	20.1	85.5	18.9	114.6	219.0
6,000 " 7,000	43.8	7.7	*		17.5	61.3	10.7	116.2	188.2
7,000 " 8,000	26.0	8.0	10.4	9.8	28.2	54.2	9.1	118.2	181.5
8,000 " 9,000	33.4	12.9	13.9	8.8	35.7	69.0	7.7	138.0	214.7
9,000 " 10,000	34.3	13.5	16.1	6.9	36.5	70.8	6.8	119.4	197.0
10,000 " 11,000	39.8	19.8	30.2	13.9	63.9	103.7	7.2	105.6	216.4
11,000 " 12,000	36.4	19.2	25.1	18.3	62.6	98.9	} 8.1 {	71.8	173.4
12,000 " 13,000	34.1	22.5	29.3	19.9	71.6	105.7		55.1	163.5
13,000 " 14,000	36.3	20.6	33.5	18.2	72.4	108.6	} 6.4 {	44.3	155.7
14,000 " 15,000	30.0	26.1	21.4	18.6	66.1	96.1		31.2	128.8
15,000 " 16,000	35.4	24.5	34.5	25.1	84.1	119.5	} 7.7 {	26.3	149.4
16,000 " 18,000	77.2	34.6	56.1	38.6	129.3	206.5		26.9	234.6
18,000 " 20,000	76.7	35.2	44.1	27.8	107.1	183.9	} 7.7 {	33.7	201.1
20,000 " 25,000	124.3	55.9	75.5	49.8	181.2	305.4		} 7.7 {	318.5
25,000 " 30,000	58.4	20.2	20.7	18.7	59.6	118.0			121.8
30,000 and over	37.3	21.9	27.4	23.7	73.0	110.3			117.8
Total	912.8	361.1	457.3	310.6	1,129.0	2,041.8	145.6	1,810.5	3,997.8
—dollars—									
Median total income	13,530	15,480	15,860	16,090	15,830	15,190	5,520	5,840	9,900
Mean total income	14,700	16,710	17,200	17,780	17,200	16,120	7,310	6,820	11,570
REST OF AUSTRALIA									
—' 000—									
Total income (\$)— Under 5,000	90.3	11.9	12.1	8.1	32.1	122.5	36.5	505.6	664.5
5,000 and under 6,000	48.1	6.2	} 11.5 {	*	15.4	63.5	10.9	63.6	138.0
6,000 " 7,000	34.6	7.6		7.7	21.1	55.7	} 14.6 {	53.1	112.7
7,000 " 8,000	21.8	8.0	7.4	6.3	21.7	43.5		58.3	103.3
8,000 " 9,000	25.9	11.3	16.0	9.8	37.1	63.0	} 11.0 {	62.1	127.8
9,000 " 10,000	29.1	11.3	12.1	11.0	34.4	63.5		48.2	115.3
10,000 " 11,000	31.8	21.1	18.9	12.0	51.9	83.7	} 11.0 {	45.8	132.4
11,000 " 12,000	21.5	13.9	22.8	14.6	51.3	72.8		30.0	104.6
12,000 " 13,000	27.9	16.8	23.1	16.0	55.8	83.7	} 11.0 {	27.2	113.2
13,000 " 14,000	14.8	12.6	20.1	11.5	44.1	58.9		13.6	73.3
14,000 " 15,000	22.6	9.1	15.0	12.7	36.8	59.4	} 11.0 {	13.1	74.6
15,000 " 16,000	22.1	13.9	16.1	12.9	42.8	65.0		10.8	75.8
16,000 " 18,000	36.9	17.6	32.0	18.2	67.8	104.7	} 11.0 {	12.3	118.3
18,000 " 20,000	34.1	12.0	21.7	21.7	55.4	89.4		*	95.5
20,000 " 25,000	56.7	21.5	39.7	24.7	85.8	142.5	} 11.0 {	8.2	151.8
25,000 " 30,000	23.9	7.1	15.7	11.6	34.4	58.4		*	60.4
30,000 and over	24.8	10.3	15.0	11.6	36.9	61.7		*	66.7
Total	567.1	212.1	299.2	213.7	724.9	1,292.0	73.0	963.1	2,328.1
—dollars—									
Median total income	11,070	12,880	14,350	14,510	12,940	12,930	5,000	4,620	9,150
Mean total income	13,260	14,640	16,080	15,900	15,610	14,580	7,350	6,150	10,860

(a) See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory notes.



**TABLE 9. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME AND TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, NORTHERN TERRITORY AND AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY, 1978-79**

	Northern Territory			Australian Capital Territory			
	Married couple income units	One person income units	All income units(a)	Married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units
—'000—							
Total income (\$)—							
Under 10,000	4.8	18.6	25.1	4.8	} 3.2 {	22.6	29.4
10,000 and under 14,000	} 4.4 {	3.8	6.5	7.3		7.8	16.2
14,000 " 18,000		*	3.8	9.6		3.1	12.9
18,000 " 20,000	4.0	*	4.0	3.1	*	*	4.2
20,000 and over	9.0	*	9.0	21.0	*	*	23.5
Total	22.3	24.2	48.3	45.8	4.2	36.4	86.3
—dollars—							
Median total income	18,940	7,150	9,690	18,790	10,530	7,870	13,370
Mean total income	19,450	6,660	12,510	20,740	10,990	9,050	15,340

(a) Includes 1,900 one parent income units.

**TABLE 10. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE CASH BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

Contribution of government social security and welfare cash benefits to total income (per cent)										
	Nil and under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 10	10 and under 20	20 and under 40	40 and under 60	60 and under 80	80 and under 90	90 and over	Total
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS										
—' 000—										
Total income (\$)— Under 5,000	23.1	*	7.6	8.5	7.9	10.5	17.1	7.4	179.4	266.9
5,000 and under 7,000	20.8	14.3	12.7	12.5	10.0	16.8	53.4	47.0	78.4	266.1
7,000    "    10,000	86.2	82.1	67.8	35.9	29.0	26.5	15.7	*	18.4	364.0
10,000   "    12,000	88.8	151.9	67.5	25.7	13.2	} 7.0 {	*	*	*	359.1
12,000   "    14,000	89.2	163.0	69.8	19.6	12.7		*	*	*	356.9
14,000   "    16,000	98.2	174.9	45.9	12.5	8.0	*	*	*	*	339.9
16,000   "    18,000	97.9	176.6	24.4	6.7	} 11.4 {	*	*	*	*	311.2
18,000   "    20,000	135.7	106.2	22.0	5.9		*	*	*	*	273.3
20,000 and over	419.0	327.6	27.7	18.0	} * {		*	*	*	796.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,058.9</b>	<b>1,202.0</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>281.4</b>	<b>3,333.8</b>
—dollars—										
Median total income	18,370	16,110	12,490	11,220	9,970	7,360	5,990	5,940	4,470	14,350
Mean total income	19,450	17,470	13,180	12,430	10,880	7,270	6,030	5,720	4,930	15,500
ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS										
—' 000—										
Total income (\$)— Under 7,000	*	*	*	*	8.9	9.3	17.9	12.4	82.2	143.8
7,000 and over	12.2	36.7	7.3	*	6.7	*	*	*	*	74.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>218.7</b>
—dollars—										
Median total income	12,780	10,860	10,010	7,940	6,480	5,530	5,130	4,450	4,150	5,330
Mean total income	15,840	12,820	9,660	7,470	6,680	5,490	5,000	4,630	4,160	7,320



**TABLE 10. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE CASH BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79—continued**

Contribution of government social security and welfare cash benefits to total income (per cent)													
	Nil and under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 10	10 and under 20	20 and under 40	40 and under 60	60 and under 80	80 and under 90	90 and over	Total			
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS													
—'000—													
Total income (\$)— Under 2,000	119.6	} 6.2 {	*	*	8.4	7.3	8.9	*	39.0	196.0			
2,000 and under 3,000	66.4		6.4	9.3	14.2	13.1	11.6	11.1	384.7	520.8			
3,000    "    5,000	174.1	14.3	14.6	26.9	28.3	42.0	73.9	47.3	176.6	597.9			
5,000    "    7,000	222.3	18.1	17.1	30.0	16.6	20.6	*	*	17.6	347.5			
7,000    "   10,000	463.1	26.4	16.3	12.3	19.4	*	*	*	*	544.1			
10,000 and over	524.4	13.8	6.1	11.6	8.1	*	*	*	*	567.2			
Total	1,570.0	78.7	62.9	94.6	95.0	87.8	99.0	64.2	621.3	2,773.5			
—dollars—													
Median total income	8,310	7,090	5,940	5,440	4,760	4,120	3,790	3,740	2,710	5,400			
Mean total income	8,510	8,260	6,360	6,190	5,400	4,390	3,580	3,230	2,910	6,590			
ALL INCOME UNITS													
—'000—													
Total income (\$)— Under 2,000	131.9	} 6.5 {	*	7.5	9.6	10.0	12.0	*	58.4	240.4			
2,000 and under 3,000	67.4		8.0	11.0	17.7	13.5	14.1	12.6	409.1	557.7			
3,000    "    5,000	186.0	20.5	21.9	32.4	36.2	54.2	93.4	60.6	378.0	883.0			
5,000    "    7,000	243.1	36.5	30.4	43.9	30.9	41.9	66.0	52.7	112.5	657.9			
7,000    "   10,000	551.8	120.6	86.3	52.7	53.3	31.2	17.2	*	23.3	939.6			
10,000    "   12,000	324.6	165.6	73.2	31.9	17.7	} 9.5 {	} 10.1 {	*	5.9 {	626.8			
12,000    "   14,000	221.4	171.7	71.3	20.6	16.5					505.7			
14,000    "   16,000	175.1	181.3	47.4	15.2	9.2					428.6			
16,000    "   18,000	134.1	179.6	25.7	7.6	} 9.5 {					} 10.1 {	*	*	352.8
18,000    "   20,000	153.9	109.3	22.7	6.6									296.5
20,000    "   25,000	248.5	189.4	18.5	11.1	*	} 10.1 {	*	*	5.9 {	470.3			
25,000 and over	205.5	141.9	9.7	8.1	*					366.6			
Total	2,643.3	1,322.6	418.4	248.6	204.1	160.9	204.7	136.2	987.3	6,325.9			
—dollars—													
Median total income	10,870	15,540	11,620	8,680	7,430	5,130	4,620	4,670	3,140	9,610			
Mean total income	12,930	16,780	12,070	9,880	8,010	5,560	4,750	4,440	3,590	11,310			



**TABLE 11. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL OF HEAD IN AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

Period of arrival in Australia									

For footnote see end of table.



**TABLE 11. ALL INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL OF HEAD IN AUSTRALIA, 1978-79—continued**

Period of arrival in Australia									
		Before 1970		1970-1974		After 1974			
		Born in main English-speaking countries(a)	Born elsewhere	Born in main English-speaking countries(a)	Born elsewhere	Born in main English-speaking countries(a)	Born elsewhere	Total born overseas	Total
Born in Australia									
ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS									
—' 000—									
Total income (\$)— Under 7,000	117.3	10.8	12.5	*	*	*	*	26.5	143.8
7,000 and over	54.6	10.2	6.8	*	*	*	*	20.3	74.8
Total	171.9	21.0	19.3	*	*	*	*	46.8	218.7
—dollars—									
Median total income	5,220	6,810	5,800	*	*	*	*	6,140	5,330
Mean total income	7,200	7,920	7,780	*	*	*	*	7,780	7,320
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS									
—' 000—									
Total income (\$)— Under 3,000	563.6	66.1	49.8	8.3	9.2	*	13.9	153.2	716.8
3,000 and under 5,000	489.9	54.6	27.8	10.9	*	8.3	8.6	108.0	597.9
5,000    "      7,000	289.7	21.6	13.8	*	9.0			57.8	347.5
7,000    "      10,000	442.4	29.2	37.5	11.2	11.0	7.1	8.1	101.7	544.1
10,000   "      12,000	203.2	19.0	17.9	11.8	9.0	*		49.9	253.2
12,000   "      14,000	109.7	10.7	15.1			*		30.5	140.2
14,000   "      16,000	61.3	6.6	9.4			*		20.1	81.5
16,000 and over	68.8	9.6	8.9				*		23.6
Total	2,228.7	217.5	180.3	47.9	43.6	25.0	30.5	544.8	2,773.5
—dollars—									
Median total income	5,420	4,560	6,810	6,670	6,600	6,200 <sup>1</sup>	3,530	5,390	5,400
Mean total income	6,510	6,670	7,270	7,630	7,370	6,510	4,590	7,000	6,590
ALL INCOME UNITS									
—' 000—									
Total income (\$)— Under 2,000	191.5	11.4	18.8	*	10.5	6.9	8.3	48.9	240.4
2,000 and under 3,000	433.1	60.0	42.3	6.9			6.2	124.5	557.7
3,000    "      5,000	694.3	91.7	64.5	13.0	7.7	10.3	7.0	188.7	883.0
5,000    "      7,000	518.7	62.5	44.8	9.0	12.3		*	139.2	657.9
7,000    "      10,000	725.8	61.2	99.7	15.4	18.3	10.3	8.9	213.8	939.6
10,000   "      12,000	470.2	49.7	72.8	11.6	12.8	8.9	*	156.6	626.8
12,000   "      14,000	372.8	43.3	66.5	9.3	9.1		*	132.8	505.7
14,000   "      16,000	303.4	36.2	60.9	9.1	10.0	7.8	6.3	125.2	428.6
16,000   "      18,000	245.2	33.0	52.3	8.1	9.2			107.7	352.8
18,000   "      20,000	202.0	31.6	42.0	6.8	9.9	7.0	9.8	94.5	296.5
20,000   "      25,000	329.2	45.2	56.6	14.5	12.1			141.0	470.3
25,000 and over	270.8	34.8	37.7	9.8	6.1	*	*	95.8	366.6
Total	4,757.2	560.5	659.0	115.6	118.0	56.2	59.4	1,568.7	6,325.9
—dollars—									
Median total income	9,240	9,680	11,630	11,950	11,600	10,230	8,020	10,880	9,610
Mean total income	11,020	11,490	12,570	13,540	12,880	12,290	10,320	12,280	11,310

(a) Comprises U.K., Ireland, Canada, South Africa, U.S.A. and New Zealand.



TABLE 12. ALL INCOME UNITS : PRIVATE INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

Married couple income units										
With dependent children										
	No dependent children	One dependent child	Two dependent children	Three or more dependent children	Total with dependent children	Total married couple income units	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units	
— '000 —										
Private income (\$)—										
Nil	133.4	15.0	12.4	18.7	46.0	179.4	69.1	484.9	733.5	
1 and under 2,000	209.4	12.5	9.0	9.3	30.9	240.2	48.8	487.7	776.7	
2,000 " 3,000	37.0	8.9	8.8	8.8	12.9	49.8	11.6	145.1	206.6	
3,000 " 4,000	25.0				13.6	38.6	7.2	142.9	188.6	
4,000 " 5,000	21.4	6.3	7.4	10.1	18.0	39.4	8.8	141.1	189.3	
5,000 " 6,000	23.8	9.5	7.4		22.7	46.5	6.1	157.5	210.1	
6,000 " 7,000	29.6	12.0	10.8	10.4	33.2	62.8	*	145.2	212.8	
7,000 " 8,000	34.4	13.9	23.8	12.5	50.3	84.6	8.4	160.7	253.7	
8,000 " 9,000	46.1	21.7	31.5	16.6	69.9	115.9	6.2	193.9	316.0	
9,000 " 10,000	56.4	30.5	30.9	20.0	81.4	137.8	9.3	164.4	311.5	
10,000 " 11,000	63.0	42.4	46.5	29.1	118.0	181.0	22.8	147.2	336.7	
11,000 " 12,000	52.3	32.3	49.6	35.4	117.3	169.6		96.9	269.9	
12,000 " 13,000	55.5	39.2	57.6	37.5	134.3	189.8		78.9	273.6	
13,000 " 14,000	46.3	28.8	42.7	28.9	100.5	146.8		57.4	208.5	
14,000 " 15,000	53.6	33.2	48.5	37.5	119.2	172.8	15.6	43.9	218.4	
15,000 " 16,000	57.1	36.5	39.6	31.4	107.5	164.6		36.8	204.0	
16,000 " 18,000	111.6	53.4	88.9	52.1	194.4	306.0		37.7	346.9	
18,000 " 20,000	106.1	46.4	59.7	43.7	150.0	255.9		17.9	277.6	
20,000 " 25,000	179.6	73.6	108.4	63.0	245.0	424.7	14.1	19.5	446.7	
25,000 " 30,000	78.1	25.2	32.2	28.2	85.7	163.7			168.7	
30,000 " 40,000	37.2	22.1	26.1	22.3	70.5	107.7			114.8	
40,000 and over	23.0	9.5	14.6	8.8	32.8	55.9			61.3	
Total	1,479.9	573.1	756.5	524.3	1,853.9	3,333.8	218.7	2,773.5	6,325.9	
—dollars—										
Median private income	12,150	14,400	14,820	14,660	14,650	13,890	1,390	4,880	9,240	
Mean private income	12,670	15,370	16,100	15,750	15,770	14,400	4,760	5,610	10,210	



TABLE 13. ALL INCOME UNITS : EARNED INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND  
NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

Married couple income units														
One parent income units														
Total married couple income units														
One person income units														
All income units														
—' 000—														
Earned income (\$)—														
Nil			429.7	20.8	18.3	24.5	63.6	493.2	45.1	60.6	105.7	861.9	1,460.8	
1 and under 2,000			34.2	10.1	6.4	6.6	23.1	57.3	10.7	16.0	26.7	218.2	302.2	
2,000	"	3,000	12.1	16.0	16.2	13.8	15.7	27.8	8.8	9.5	18.3	122.5	155.7	
3,000	"	4,000	14.9				12.6	27.5				129.5	165.3	
4,000	"	5,000	14.5	17.8		32.3	134.3	171.2						
5,000	"	6,000	15.2	11.5	8.9	*	25.8	41.0	17.9		7.6	7.8	144.3	193.0
6,000	"	7,000	29.1	14.1	9.9	10.0	34.0	63.1		*		139.5	205.4	
7,000	"	8,000	27.0	14.9	24.7	14.2	53.9	81.0	7.8	160.8		249.5		
8,000	"	9,000	45.7	23.6	34.0	17.2	74.9	120.6	7.2	191.4		319.1		
9,000	"	10,000	50.8	30.8	33.4	20.5	84.8	135.6	20.3	8.0	28.3	159.4	304.5	
10,000	"	11,000	60.9	39.4	45.8	30.2	115.4	176.3				146.5	330.6	
11,000	"	12,000	50.2	31.1	50.3	35.4	116.9	167.1	87.8		258.3			
12,000	"	13,000	52.2	40.7	57.5	39.2	137.4	189.6	77.4		271.9			
13,000	"	14,000	47.9	29.4	43.9	27.5	100.8	148.7	56.0		207.4			
14,000	"	15,000	49.5	33.1	51.0	35.6	119.7	169.2	35.2		205.6			
15,000	"	16,000	51.0	38.7	40.7	33.6	112.9	163.9	34.6	200.7				
16,000	"	18,000	107.3	53.4	87.8	51.9	193.1	300.3	6.7	7.6	14.2	34.9	338.2	
18,000	"	20,000	103.6	46.6	58.5	44.9	149.9	253.6				13.8	269.9	
20,000	"	25,000	160.5	68.6	104.4	61.6	234.6	395.1	9.6		9.6	9.6	16.1	413.7
25,000	"	30,000	73.2	23.1	28.8	27.5	79.4	152.6					156.9	
30,000	"	40,000	31.0	19.9	22.3	16.4	58.6	89.6	94.7					
40,000 and over			19.3	7.3	13.6	8.3	29.1	48.4	51.4					
Total			1,479.9	573.1	756.5	524.3	1,853.9	3,333.8	109.4	109.3	218.7	2,773.5	6,325.9	
—dollars—														
Median earned income			11,100	14,120	14,570	14,490	14,420	13,370	1,820	0	250	4,380	8,800	
Mean earned income			11,460	14,880	15,630	15,280	15,300	13,600	4,780	3,480	4,130	5,190	9,580	



TABLE 14. ALL INCOME UNITS : INCOME FROM PRINCIPAL SOURCE AND TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)

			Principal source of income					
			Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	All other sources(b)	Total
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN								
—' 000—								
Income from principal source (\$)—								
1 and under	5,000		20.3	*	7.3	311.0	21.2	365.4
5,000	"	7,000	26.6	7.5	9.5	61.1	23.3	127.9
7,000	"	10,000	108.0	9.3	13.1	9.3	22.6	162.3
10,000	"	12,000	93.7	12.0	15.4	*	8.1	131.3
12,000	"	14,000	87.5	*	11.7	*	7.7	111.3
14,000	"	16,000	83.0	8.2	9.9	*	*	105.7
16,000 and over			406.2	11.8	41.6	*	10.0	470.0
Total			825.3	58.7	108.4	384.1	97.1	1,473.7
—dollars—								
Median income			15,850	11,150	13,530	4,120	7,540	11,240
Mean income			16,300	14,660	17,500	4,610	8,710	12,770
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN								
—' 000—								
Income from principal source (\$)—								
1 and under	5,000		24.0	7.3	13.4	39.0	9.5	88.4
5,000	"	7,000	38.8	10.1	17.7	32.1		103.5
7,000	"	10,000	164.5	23.8	45.5	11.6	7.6	249.6
10,000	"	12,000	192.2	19.7	29.6	*		243.7
12,000	"	14,000	207.9	12.3	23.3	*		243.7
14,000	"	16,000	199.7	9.1	21.8	*		230.7
16,000	"	18,000	161.0	6.4	22.6	*		191.3
18,000	"	20,000	127.0	*	10.2	*		141.9
20,000 and over			281.7	24.6	53.5	*		361.0
Total			1,396.9	118.1	237.7	84.2	17.0	1,853.9
—dollars—								
Median income			14,710	11,810	13,090	5,190	6,600	13,980
Mean income			15,520	15,170	15,540	4,730	7,970	14,940

For footnotes see end of table.



TABLE 14. ALL INCOME UNITS : INCOME FROM PRINCIPAL SOURCE AND TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, AUSTRALIA,  
1978-79(a)—continued

			Principal source of income					
			Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	All other sources(b)	Total
ALL MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS								
—' 000—								
Income from principal source (\$)—								
1 and under	5,000		44.2	12.9	20.7	350.0	25.9	453.5
5,000	"	7,000	65.4	17.6	27.2	93.2	28.1	231.5
7,000	"	10,000	272.5	33.1	58.6	20.9	26.8	411.9
10,000	"	12,000	285.8	31.8	44.9	*	9.2	375.1
12,000	"	14,000	295.4	16.5	35.0	*	7.7	355.0
14,000	"	16,000	282.8	17.3	31.7	*	9.7	336.4
16,000	"	18,000	255.4	8.6	28.3	*		297.9
18,000	"	20,000	215.3	*	14.2	*		236.7
20,000	"	25,000	322.6	11.2	34.0	*	6.8	369.8
25,000	"	30,000	115.1	*	15.8	*		136.9
30,000 and over			67.6	18.8	35.6	*		122.7
Total			2,222.2	176.8	346.1	468.3	114.1	3,327.6
—dollars—								
Median income			15,040	11,560	13,240	4,200	7,350	13,080
Mean income			15,810	15,000	16,150	4,630	8,600	13,980
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS								
—' 000—								
Income from principal source (\$)—								
1 and under	3,000		208.8	9.4	8.9	644.3	39.1	910.6
3,000	"	5,000	240.1	14.2	9.3	165.0	30.5	459.1
5,000	"	7,000	262.5	10.7	10.6	19.8	21.0	324.7
7,000	"	10,000	488.2	15.5	9.6	*	12.3	525.4
10,000	"	12,000	220.2	8.9		*	8.0	237.8
12,000	"	16,000	182.5	10.9	8.1	*		205.1
16,000 and over			54.3	10.1	7.3	*	*	76.2
Total			1,656.7	79.6	53.9	833.3	115.3	2,738.9
—dollars—								
Median income			7,720	8,070	6,640	2,600	4,220	5,000
Mean income			7,790	9,910	8,590	2,790	5,870	6,260

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TABLE 14. ALL INCOME UNITS : INCOME FROM PRINCIPAL SOURCE AND TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, AUSTRALIA,  
1978-79(a)—continued

		Principal source of income					
		Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	All other sources(b)	Total
ALL INCOME UNITS(c)							
—'000—							
Income from principal source (\$)—							
1 and under 2,000		107.5	*	7.9	110.9	30.7	262.4
2,000 "	3,000	116.7	8.0	6.2	616.3	21.7	769.0
3,000 "	5,000	283.2	23.6	25.6	539.5	49.5	921.4
5,000 "	7,000	337.7	29.0	37.8	127.2	50.7	582.5
7,000 "	10,000	784.1	48.6	65.1	26.7	40.6	965.1
10,000 "	12,000	515.3	42.3	49.2	*	14.4	624.9
12,000 "	14,000	424.9	24.6	37.9	*	9.0	497.3
14,000 "	16,000	345.1	21.6	37.2	*	6.2	410.6
16,000 "	18,000	287.8	10.4	32.3	*	6.9	337.3
18,000 "	20,000	229.7	6.7	15.1	*	10.8	254.3
20,000 "	25,000	334.3	14.5	36.4	*		387.5
25,000 "	30,000	116.4	*	16.4	*		140.7
30,000 and over		70.7	21.0	36.7	*		131.4
Total		3,953.4	260.9	404.0	1,425.6	240.4	6,284.4
—dollars—							
Median income		11,350	10,750	12,520	2,980	5,730	8,890
Mean income		12,340	13,370	15,120	3,490	7,190	10,350

(a) Excludes 41,600 income units reporting no income. (b) Comprises superannuation, interest, dividends, rent, etc. and other sources of income as defined in the Explanatory notes. (c) Includes 217,900 one parent income units, for details see Table 23.



TABLE 15. SOURCES OF INCOME AND TYPE OF INCOME UNITS, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)

			Sources of income						
			Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	Super-annuation	Interest, dividends, rent, etc.	Other
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN									
—' 000—									
Income from source shown (\$)—									
1 and under 1,000			19.4	11.5	6.5	141.3	12.8	642.5	39.6
1,000 .. 2,000			13.2	10.9 {	6.3	56.3	19.7	101.4	12.4
2,000 .. 3,000			12.2		7.9	79.7	12.2	47.4	*
3,000 .. 5,000			31.2	15.6	15.1	309.0	12.5	43.5	7.7
5,000 .. 7,000			36.8	12.7	16.2	64.6	14.1	20.7	7.2 {
7,000 .. 10,000			119.6	15.5	18.6	10.4	13.4	15.1	
10,000 .. 12,000			95.8	15.1	17.8	*	7.6 {	9.6	*
12,000 .. 14,000			90.4	*	11.9	*		7.3 {	*
14,000 .. 16,000			83.4	8.2	10.4	*			*
16,000 and over			406.9	13.0	42.3	*	*	7.8	*
Total			908.8	107.5	153.1	664.1	94.3	895.3	73.3
—dollars—									
Median income			14,860	7,580	10,660	3,350	3,380	430	890
Mean income			15,180	9,950	13,730	3,280	4,640	1,340	2,040
MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN									
—' 000—									
Income from source shown (\$)—									
1 and under 1,000			21.1	15.6	10.4	1,545.1	6.1 {	735.7	66.7
1,000 .. 2,000			28.1	14.4	10.1	177.8		64.3	21.2
2,000 .. 3,000			21.5	9.8	9.7	28.1		37.2	10.9 {
3,000 .. 5,000			46.3	15.4	18.9	38.3	7.9 {	24.7	
5,000 .. 7,000			59.0	17.6	25.4	33.8		15.8	7.9
7,000 .. 10,000			181.8	31.2	53.1	11.9	*	9.7	*
10,000 .. 12,000			197.5	22.2	34.0	*	*	6.2 {	*
12,000 .. 14,000			208.6	13.9	24.0	*	*		*
14,000 .. 16,000			201.7	10.1	24.2	*	*		*
16,000 .. 18,000			161.3	7.1	23.1	*	*		*
18,000 .. 20,000			127.3	*	10.2	*	*	*	*
20,000 and over			282.9	25.3	53.9	*	*	*	*
Total			1,537.1	187.3	296.8	1,836.5	8.0	894.9	107.6
—dollars—									
Median income			14,050	9,010	11,230	400	4,230	340	690
Mean income			14,490	11,000	13,370	780	4,380	760	1,360

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TABLE 15. SOURCES OF INCOME AND TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)—continued

		Sources of income							
		Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	Super-annuation	Interest, dividends, rent, etc.	Other	
ALL MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS									
—' 000—									
Income from source shown (\$)—									
1 and under	1,000	40.5	27.2	16.8	1,686.3	14.1	1,378.2	106.4	
1,000	2,000	41.2	19.8	16.4	234.1	20.5	165.7	33.6	
2,000	3,000	33.7	15.2	17.6	107.9	13.3	84.6	9.5	
3,000	5,000	77.5	31.1	34.1	347.4	13.9	68.1	13.5	
5,000	7,000	95.8	30.3	41.6	98.4	15.7	36.4	10.2	
7,000	10,000	301.3	46.7	71.7	22.3	15.1	24.8	} 6.6	
10,000	12,000	293.3	37.4	51.8	*	} 7.8 {	13.4		
12,000	14,000	299.0	18.8	35.8	*		} 8.5 {		
14,000	16,000	285.2	18.3	34.6	*				
16,000	18,000	256.0	10.0	28.8	*		} 6.3 {		*
18,000	20,000	215.6	*	14.2	*	*		*	
20,000	25,000	322.9	12.0	34.5	*	*	*	*	
25,000	30,000	115.7	*	16.2	*	*	*	*	
30,000 and over		68.1	18.8	35.8	*	*	*	*	
Total		2,445.9	294.8	450.0	2,500.6	102.3	1,790.2	180.9	
—dollars—									
Median income		14,280	8,530	11,030	510	3,460	380	770	
Mean income		14,740	10,620	13,490	1,450	4,620	1,050	1,640	
ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS									
—' 000—									
Income from source shown (\$)—									
1 and under	1,000	96.6	10.1	*	279.3	20.1	944.2	80.5	
1,000	2,000	110.8	9.9	8.5	142.5	17.3	62.8	11.8	
2,000	3,000	115.5	8.1	7.2	609.8	7.7	33.3	14.3	
3,000	5,000	246.2	15.0	11.5	171.0	14.5	25.7	7.1	
5,000	7,000	264.6	11.4	10.6	21.1	10.7	13.2	*	
7,000	10,000	489.1	15.9	} 10.8	*	} 7.4 {	8.0	*	
10,000	12,000	220.5	9.4				*	*	
12,000	14,000	123.1	} 11.7	} 8.4 {	*	*	} 6.9 {	*	
14,000	16,000	59.6						*	
16,000 and over		54.9	10.1	7.3	*	*		*	
Total		1,780.9	101.5	69.2	1,228.2	77.7	1,095.9	119.7	
—dollars—									
Median income		7,350	6,350	5,470	2,320	2,190	320	480	
Mean income		7,330	8,220	7,250	2,190	3,060	720	1,260	

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TABLE 15. SOURCES OF INCOME AND TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)—continued

			Sources of income						
			Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	Superannuation	Interest, dividends, rent, etc.	Other
ALL INCOME UNITS(b)									
			—'000—						
Income from source shown (\$)—									
1 and under	1,000		149.6	37.7	22.0	2,031.9	35.1	2,370.4	208.9
1,000	2,000		163.1	30.3	25.4	390.7	38.5	231.3	56.8
2,000	3,000		154.1	23.9	24.8	738.9	21.3	120.3	29.0
3,000	5,000		334.6	46.2	47.2	605.4	28.5	95.2	24.9
5,000	7,000		371.0	42.4	52.8	134.2	26.4	50.4	14.3
7,000	10,000		813.8	63.9	78.5	28.4	21.4	32.8	7.5
10,000	12,000		523.0	48.4	57.1	*	8.4 {	15.7	*
12,000	14,000		428.8	27.4	39.1	*		7.2	*
14,000	16,000		347.5	22.8	40.1	*		9.6 {	*
16,000	18,000		288.7	11.7	32.7	*			*
18,000	20,000		230.2	6.7	15.1	*			*
20,000	25,000		334.5	15.2	36.9	*	*	6.7 {	*
25,000	30,000		117.1	*	16.7	*	*		*
30,000 and over			71.3	21.0	36.9	*	*	*	*
Total			4,327.2	403.5	525.3	3,934.6	183.2	2,942.8	345.8
—dollars—									
Median income			10,680	7,990	10,420	940	2,850	360	720
Mean income			11,530	9,970	12,630	1,740	3,950	930	1,500

(a) An income unit is counted more than once if it received income from more than one of the sources shown above. (b) Includes one parent income units, for details see Table 25.



**TABLE 16. ALL INCOME UNITS : TYPE OF INCOME UNIT, AGE OF HEAD AND PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE CASH BENEFITS TO TOTAL INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**  
( ' 000)

<i>Contribution of government social security and welfare cash benefits to total income (per cent)</i>										
<i>Age of head (years)</i>	<i>Nil and under 1</i>	<i>1 and under 5</i>	<i>5 and under 10</i>	<i>10 and under 20</i>	<i>20 and under 40</i>	<i>40 and under 60</i>	<i>60 and under 80</i>	<i>80 and under 90</i>	<i>90 and over</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b>										
15-34	288.7	11.4	9.5	10.1	} 11.5	6.7	8.2	* {	* {	331.5
35-54	281.6	14.6	*	*						
55-60	154.2	14.6	10.5	6.8						
60 and over	152.4	13.2	18.4	31.7	46.1	38.2	65.1	49.6	202.6	617.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>876.9</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>225.7</b>	<b>1,479.9</b>
<b>MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b>										
15-24	*	38.4	6.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	58.9
25-34	61.6	411.8	92.6	22.6	10.9	*	*	*	12.2	618.4
35-44	50.9	418.6	139.4	37.2	10.8	} 11.9	10.4 {	* {	12.2	680.8
45-54	47.2	228.6	52.0	24.2	9.0					
55 and over	17.6	50.7	12.5	7.0	*					
<b>Total</b>	<b>182.0</b>	<b>1,148.1</b>	<b>302.6</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>1,853.9</b>
<b>ALL MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS</b>										
15-24	87.4	43.5	10.9	7.1	*	} 12.9	10.8	* {	* {	160.2
25-34	267.6	418.1	97.2	28.6	14.2					
35-44	107.5	421.5	139.4	37.4	10.8					
45-54	272.1	240.4	56.4	26.8	12.5	} 9.8	9.0	6.3 {	24.5	646.6
55-60	168.5	53.7	19.3	12.4	*					
60 and over	155.7	24.9	22.1	33.1	47.4					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,058.9</b>	<b>1,202.0</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>281.4</b>	<b>3,333.8</b>
<b>ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS</b>										
15-34	*	15.9	*	*	6.0	6.2	7.9	6.1	52.3	102.4
35-54	10.5	24.4	6.6	7.1	9.5	*	9.2	6.4	25.4	104.9
55 and over	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.9	11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>218.7</b>
<b>ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS</b>										
15-19	366.4	23.3	23.0	32.1	22.6	16.1	12.8	*	33.4	533.0
20-24	482.0	25.4	20.2	30.0	26.3	24.9	11.3	7.3	45.7	673.1
25-34	325.7	11.5	} 11.3 {	11.1	7.6	} 8.9	9.9 {	* {	27.4	400.6
35-54	257.3	9.7		6.7	*					
55 and over	138.6	9.0		14.8	33.1	37.9	65.0	47.8	463.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,570.0</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>87.8</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>64.2</b>	<b>621.3</b>	<b>2,773.5</b>
<b>ALL INCOME UNITS</b>										
15-19	367.7	23.6	23.9	32.1	22.8	16.3	13.6	*	36.1	539.8
20-24	569.5	71.7	31.9	37.1	31.5	28.5	14.8	8.8	63.8	857.7
25-34	595.1	442.3	104.5	40.8	26.9	13.7	14.3	8.7	74.1	1,320.3
35-44	249.3	440.2	146.5	45.6	18.8	12.6	11.4	*	45.6	974.9
45-54	398.2	255.8	61.8	32.3	19.4	8.4	14.0	8.4	68.3	866.5
55-59	235.8	57.5	23.1	15.4	7.0	8.7	6.6	7.6	64.9	426.5
60 and over	227.7	31.6	26.7	45.3	77.6	72.7	130.0	93.9	634.6	1,340.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,643.3</b>	<b>1,322.6</b>	<b>418.4</b>	<b>248.6</b>	<b>204.1</b>	<b>160.9</b>	<b>204.7</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>987.3</b>	<b>6,325.9</b>



**TABLE 17. INCOME UNITS FOR WHICH GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE CASH BENEFITS (GSSB) WERE THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME : TOTAL GSSB INCOME, TYPE OF INCOME UNIT AND TYPE OF GSSB, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)**

Married couple income units							
	No dependent children	With dependent children	Total	One parent income units	One person income units	All income units	
PENSIONS(b)							
— '000—							
Total GSSB income (\$)— 1 and under 2,000	*	*	*	*	10.5	15.3	
2,000 .. 3,000	26.0	*	27.2	12.6	472.2	512.0	
3,000 .. 4,000	18.5	} 7.3 {	21.5	41.1	141.3	203.9	
4,000 .. 5,000	240.8		245.0	41.1	13.8	299.9	
5,000 .. 6,000	46.9		55.0	12.1	10.0	77.1	
6,000 and over	24.7	14.4	39.1	*	11.4	54.8	
Total	358.2	31.7	389.9	114.1	659.2	1,163.2	
— dollars—							
Median total GSSB income	4,550	5,790	4,590	4,010	2,830	3,180	
Mean total GSSB income	4,710	5,930	4,800	4,100	2,970	3,700	
BENEFITS(c)							
— '000—							
Total GSSB income (\$)— 1 and under 3,000	9.3	*	11.0	*	130.2	142.4	
3,000 .. 4,000	*	6.0	9.4	*	*	14.6	
4,000 .. 5,000	9.8	7.0	16.8	*	*	18.7	
5,000 and over	*	24.8	27.1	*	*	29.6	
Total	24.7	39.5	64.2	*	136.2	205.3	
— dollars—							
Median total GSSB income	3,860	5,420	4,700	*	1,850	2,690	
Mean total GSSB income	3,670	5,480	4,780	*	2,140	3,010	
OTHERS(d)							
— '000—							
Total GSSB income (\$)— 1 and under 3,000	*	*	*	22.0	50.9	76.2	
3,000 .. 4,000	*	*	*	42.2	20.9	63.9	
4,000 .. 5,000	6.9	*	8.6	40.8	} 7.2 {	53.0	
5,000 and over	*	13.8	19.5	15.9		38.9	
Total	13.9	18.3	32.2	120.9	79.0	232.0	
— dollars—							
Median total GSSB income	4,830	6,060	5,470	3,930	2,450	3,660	
Mean total GSSB income	4,950	6,060	5,580	3,900	2,610	3,690	

(a) An income unit is counted more than once if it had received income from more than one of the sources shown above. Excludes the income of dependent children. (b) Comprises age, service or disability, war widows, widows and invalid pensions; and supporting mothers/fathers benefits. (c) Comprises unemployment and sickness benefits. (d) Comprises family allowance, government assistance for education of self and/or children and other government benefits not included elsewhere.



**TABLE 18. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME OF INCOME UNIT,  
NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND EARNED  
INCOME OF WIFE, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

		Earned income of wife (\$)—						Mean earned income of wife	
		Nil	1-999	1,000- 2,999	3,000- 4,999	5,000- 9,999	10,000 and over		Total
NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN									
		— ' 000—						(\$)	
Total income of income unit (\$)—									
Under 7,000		368.9	9.6	17.0	9.1	*	..	406.6	190
7,000 and under 10,000		128.1	8.9	11.9	15.4	6.2	..	170.5	780
10,000	.. 12,000	84.4	} 9.9 {	10.0	9.1	17.6	} 6.4 {	129.4	1,630
12,000	.. 14,000	54.9		13.8	15.7	20.6		113.0	2,200
14,000	.. 16,000	42.4	} 6.1 {	8.4	15.9	35.7	} 8.0 {	110.2	3,400
16,000	.. 18,000	34.1		7.3	9.8	57.7		114.1	4,570
18,000	.. 20,000	18.5		*	11.9	66.8	8.6	110.8	6,270
20,000 and over		42.4	*	6.4	12.0	116.2	144.7	325.4	9,150
Total		773.7	38.2	78.7	98.9	322.8	167.7	1,479.9	3,540
		—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit		7,420	10,310	12,070	14,010	18,640	25,090	12,540	..
Mean total income of income unit		9,360	11,690	12,270	14,770	19,210	27,580	14,150	..
ONE DEPENDENT CHILD									
		— ' 000—						(\$)	
Total income of income unit (\$)—									
Under 10,000		81.0	9.9	13.1	10.1	*	..	116.9	750
10,000 and under 14,000		88.6	9.6	20.5	13.1	13.9	*	146.4	1,290
14,000	.. 16,000	31.2	} 7.9 {	9.8	8.5	19.4	*	73.6	2,700
16,000	.. 18,000	16.5		} 8.5 {	12.7	21.0	*	52.2	3,610
18,000	.. 20,000	13.0			20.9	20.9	*	47.2	4,710
20,000 and over		22.9	*	6.9	11.3	49.4	43.6	136.9	7,560
Total		253.3	30.0	58.8	55.7	127.5	47.8	573.1	3,350
		—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit		12,010	12,030	13,180	15,090	18,630	27,200	14,660	..
Mean total income of income unit		12,630	12,770	13,870	15,480	19,500	29,060	15,940	..
TWO DEPENDENT CHILDREN									
		— ' 000—						(\$)	
Total income of income unit (\$)—									
Under 10,000		83.3	7.2	10.5	13.1	*	..	118.7	870
10,000 and under 12,000		65.2	6.1	7.8	7.5	9.9	*	97.0	1,130
12,000	.. 14,000	64.4	8.6	15.7	8.5	7.8	*	106.0	1,190
14,000	.. 16,000	42.8	6.2	13.0	8.8	15.2	*	87.0	2,030
16,000	.. 18,000	36.5	} 9.1 {	9.2	12.1	25.2	*	88.0	2,820
18,000	.. 20,000	17.5		*	8.9	27.9	*	65.8	4,210
20,000 and over		37.9	6.4	15.5	15.0	65.6	53.6	194.0	6,830
Total		347.5	43.6	77.3	73.9	156.2	57.9	756.5	3,130
		—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit		12,790	13,970	14,720	15,770	19,100	26,850	15,400	..
Mean total income of income unit		13,610	15,020	15,950	16,470	20,000	29,620	16,760	..



**TABLE 18. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME OF INCOME UNIT,  
NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND EARNED  
INCOME OF WIFE, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79—continued**

	Earned income of wife (\$)—						Total	Mean earned income of wife	
	Nil	1-999	1,000- 2,999	3,000- 4,999	5,000- 9,999	10,000 and over			
THREE OR MORE DEPENDENT CHILDREN									
	—' 000—							(\$)	
Total income of income unit (\$)— Under 10,000	57.2	*	6.5	13.9	*	..	84.3	890	
10,000 and under 12,000	38.4	} 9.0	10.1	8.8	13.6	{ *	58.8	1,120	
12,000 " 14,000	44.1						*	65.5	1,200
14,000 " 16,000	39.8		6.7	5.9	6.3		10.2	*	69.2
16,000 " 20,000	42.4	8.5	11.2	10.8	30.7	*	106.4	3,070	
20,000 and over	36.4	*	11.4	13.5	43.4	30.7	140.1	5,990	
Total	258.3	34.5	45.2	53.2	99.1	34.0	524.3	2,850	
	—dollars—								
Median total income of income unit	13,520	14,810	16,010	15,250	19,380	28,040	15,590	..	
Mean total income of income unit	14,550	15,430	17,120	16,340	20,030	29,480	17,010	..	
TOTAL WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN									
	—' 000—							(\$)	
Total income of income unit (\$)— Under 7,000	94.8	7.8	17.4	*	*	..	126.4	490	
7,000 and under 10,000	126.7	14.8	12.6	31.6	7.8	..	193.5	1,050	
10,000 " 12,000	149.0	14.8	24.1	17.8	23.6	*	229.7	1,160	
12,000 " 14,000	151.7	18.5	30.1	20.1	21.6	*	244.0	1,240	
14,000 " 16,000	113.8	16.4	28.7	23.6	44.9	*	229.8	2,110	
16,000 " 18,000	78.1	13.2	20.2	25.7	58.6	} 7.0 {	197.1	2,900	
18,000 " 20,000	47.8	8.7	14.4	18.7	67.1		162.5	4,250	
20,000 " 25,000	61.0	7.3	22.5	26.6	107.5	42.1	267.0	5,460	
25,000 and over	36.3	6.5	11.3	13.2	50.9	85.7	203.9	8,540	
Total	859.2	108.1	181.3	182.8	382.8	139.7	1,853.9	3,120	
	—dollars—								
Median total income of income unit	12,780	13,800	14,450	15,390	19,020	27,310	15,240	..	
Mean total income of income unit	13,610	14,530	15,570	16,130	19,840	29,400	16,580	..	
ALL MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS									
	—' 000—							(\$)	
Total income of income unit (\$)— Under 5,000	243.7	6.2	14.2	*	..	..	266.9	140	
5,000 and under 7,000	220.0	11.2	20.2	11.8	*	..	266.1	390	
7,000 " 10,000	254.9	23.7	24.5	47.0	13.9	..	364.0	930	
10,000 " 12,000	233.4	18.8	34.0	26.9	41.2	} 8.9 {	359.1	1,330	
12,000 " 14,000	206.7	24.4	43.8	35.8	42.1		356.9	1,540	
14,000 " 16,000	156.2	20.0	37.2	39.5	80.5		6.5	339.9	2,530
16,000 " 18,000	112.1	14.7	27.5	35.5	116.4	*	311.2	3,510	
18,000 " 20,000	66.4	9.7	18.3	30.6	133.9	14.4	273.3	5,070	
20,000 " 25,000	84.7	9.2	26.3	33.2	192.5	102.2	447.9	6,400	
25,000 " 30,000	22.3	} 8.4 {	7.2	11.2	50.8	81.8	176.4	8,510	
30,000 and over	32.7		6.8	7.4	31.4	88.5	172.0	10,510	
Total	1,632.9	146.3	260.1	281.7	705.5	307.3	3,333.8	3,310	
	—dollars—								
Median total income of income unit	10,840	13,090	13,690	14,840	18,830	26,020	14,350	..	
Mean total income of income unit	11,590	13,790	14,570	15,650	19,550	28,410	15,500	..	



**TABLE 19. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS : TOTAL INCOME OF INCOME UNIT, EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE AND AGE GROUP OF YOUNGEST CHILD, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

	Employed				Total	Not employed(a)	Total
	Full-year, full-time	Full-year, part-time	Part-year, full-time	Part-year, part-time			
NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN							
— '000—							
Total income of income unit (\$)—							
Under 7,000	8.4	15.8	11.0	9.1	44.3	362.3	406.6
7,000 and under 10,000	10.3	18.0	9.5	7.1	44.9	125.6	170.2
10,000 .. 12,000	17.8	11.4	11.1	6.3	46.7	82.7	129.4
12,000 .. 14,000	12.8	20.4	14.2	11.2	58.6	54.4	113.0
14,000 .. 16,000	24.9	15.6	17.6	10.1	68.2	41.9	110.2
16,000 .. 18,000	40.1	16.6	18.9	11.6 {	81.2	32.9	114.1
18,000 .. 20,000	59.0	12.5	15.4		92.9	17.9	110.8
20,000 .. 25,000	112.7	18.4	17.7	8.9	157.6	23.3	180.9
25,000 and over	87.6	25.1	8.6	*	125.8	18.7	144.5
Total	373.5	153.8	123.9	68.9	720.2	759.7	1,479.9
—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit	20,600	15,440	15,830	14,150	18,350	7,430	12,540
Mean total income of income unit	21,370	18,310	16,020	14,760	19,160	9,400	14,150
AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD UNDER 6 YEARS							
— '000—							
Total income of income unit (\$)—							
Under 10,000	8.5	19.5	10.0	15.7	53.8	102.4	156.1
10,000 and under 12,000	*	17.0	7.9	11.2	40.3	83.9	124.2
12,000 .. 14,000	6.6	16.5	8.8	17.4	49.3	82.8	132.1
14,000 .. 16,000	9.8	20.1	13.4	16.4	59.7	66.4	126.1
16,000 .. 18,000	11.0	14.5	6.7	13.0	45.2	45.7	90.9
18,000 .. 20,000	9.7	10.5	6.2	10.5	36.8	23.8	60.6
20,000 .. 25,000	17.4	20.7	11.1	12.6	61.8	30.9	92.7
25,000 and over	15.4	16.9	*	9.2	46.5	15.1	61.6
Total	82.4	135.9	69.1	105.9	393.4	450.9	844.3
—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit	18,260	15,470	15,170	15,060	15,790	12,950	14,150
Mean total income of income unit	19,700	17,460	16,150	16,020	17,310	13,560	15,310
AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD 6-14 YEARS							
— '000—							
Total income of income unit (\$)—							
Under 10,000	16.4	22.0	7.2	10.6	56.2	73.0	129.2
10,000 and under 12,000	6.9	11.8	*	10.0	34.2	50.6	84.9
12,000 .. 14,000	10.9	14.8	6.6	8.6	40.9	51.4	92.3
14,000 .. 16,000	8.9	17.1	7.6	14.3	47.8	32.2	80.0
16,000 .. 18,000	18.4	22.2	9.7	14.8	65.1	25.4	90.5
18,000 .. 20,000	27.9	17.1	6.6	10.7	62.3	19.1	81.4
20,000 .. 25,000	51.9	35.9	9.4	18.2	115.5	22.4	137.9
25,000 and over	49.4	23.0	8.6	10.3	91.3	15.1	106.4
Total	190.7	163.7	61.4	97.5	513.3	289.2	802.5
—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit	20,570	17,470	16,750	16,720	18,400	12,820	16,330
Mean total income of income unit	21,460	18,510	18,140	17,550	19,380	14,210	17,520

For footnote see end of table.



**TABLE 19. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS: TOTAL INCOME OF INCOME UNIT, EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF WIFE AND AGE GROUP OF YOUNGEST CHILD, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79—continued**

	Employed				Total	Not employed(a)	Total
	Full-year, full-time	Full-year, part-time	Part-year, full-time	Part-year, part-time			
AGE OF YOUNGEST CHILD 15-20 YEARS							
—' 000—							
Total income of income unit (\$)—							
Under 14,000	7.9	11.2	7.5	10.4	29.4	45.4	74.8
14,000 and under 18,000	10.4	7.9			26.0	13.5	39.5
18,000     "      25,000	24.1	12.3	*	11.7	48.2	8.8	57.0
25,000 and over	16.7	8.6	*		30.7	*	35.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>134.3</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>207.2</b>
—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit	21,080	18,430	15,770	18,480	19,460	12,430	16,650
Mean total income of income unit	21,780	20,790	17,400	18,510	20,520	13,670	18,110
TOTAL WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN							
—' 000—							
Total income of income unit (\$)—							
Under 7,000	11.0	19.9	7.8	9.8	48.6	77.8	126.4
7,000 and under 10,000	17.8	25.6	11.6	18.7	73.8	119.7	193.5
10,000     "      12,000	13.1	31.6	15.3	23.4	83.4	146.3	229.7
12,000     "      14,000	19.4	35.7	15.9	27.4	98.4	145.6	244.0
14,000     "      16,000	22.6	42.2	23.3	34.5	122.7	107.1	229.8
16,000     "      18,000	35.8	39.6	17.2	28.4	121.1	76.0	197.1
18,000     "      20,000	45.3	31.8	14.3	23.9	115.2	47.3	162.5
20,000     "      25,000	85.7	64.7	22.7	36.3	209.4	57.6	267.0
25,000     "      30,000	39.5	21.4	7.5	12.3	80.7	13.3	94.0
30,000 and over	42.0	27.1	8.0	10.7	87.8	22.1	109.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>332.2</b>	<b>339.7</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>225.6</b>	<b>1,041.0</b>	<b>812.9</b>	<b>1,853.9</b>
—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit	20,060	16,740	15,820	15,940	17,550	12,860	15,240
Mean total income of income unit	21,080	18,360	17,110	16,920	18,750	13,800	16,580
ALL MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS							
—' 000—							
Total income of income unit (\$)—							
Under 5,000	11.7	16.5	8.0	7.2	43.4	223.5	266.9
5,000 and under 7,000	7.6	19.2	10.8	11.8	49.5	216.6	266.1
7,000     "      10,000	28.1	43.7	21.1	25.8	118.7	245.3	364.0
10,000     "      12,000	30.9	43.0	26.4	29.7	130.0	229.1	359.1
12,000     "      14,000	32.2	56.1	30.1	38.6	156.9	200.0	356.9
14,000     "      16,000	47.5	57.8	40.9	44.6	190.9	149.0	339.9
16,000     "      18,000	75.9	56.2	36.1	34.1	202.3	108.9	311.2
18,000     "      20,000	104.3	44.3	29.7	29.8	208.1	65.2	273.3
20,000     "      25,000	198.4	83.1	40.3	45.2	367.0	80.9	447.9
25,000     "      30,000	94.0	32.2	12.8	15.3	154.4	22.0	176.4
30,000     "      40,000	54.0	21.8	8.5	9.3	93.6	20.4	114.0
40,000 and over	21.0	19.5	*	*	46.3	11.7	58.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>705.7</b>	<b>493.5</b>	<b>267.4</b>	<b>294.5</b>	<b>1,761.1</b>	<b>1,572.6</b>	<b>3,333.8</b>
—dollars—							
Median total income of income unit	20,370	16,370	15,820	15,530	17,890	10,880	14,350
Mean total income of income unit	21,230	18,340	16,600	16,420	18,920	11,680	15,500

(a) Comprises 77,700 wives who were not employed but looked for work at some time in 1978-79 and 1,494,900 wives who were not in the labour force (i.e. those who were not employed and did not look for work).



**TABLE 20. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS : EARNED INCOME OF HUSBAND  
AND EARNED INCOME OF WIFE, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

			Earned income of wife (\$)—						Mean earned income of wife
			Nil	1-999	1,000- 2,999	3,000- 4,999	5,000- 9,999	10,000 and over	
			—' 000—						(\$)
Earned income of husband (\$)—									
Nil			495.5	6.9	14.5	7.9	20.6	11.8	650
1 and under 5,000			78.6	17.2	31.8	59.4	28.2	10.3	2,750
5,000	"	6,000	26.7	*	*	9.3	39.5	14.8 {	3,830
6,000	"	7,000	33.3	*	8.5	10.0	33.8		3,680
7,000	"	8,000	48.8	6.1	10.5	9.6	51.6		3,840
8,000	"	9,000	75.6	6.7	16.3	11.9	70.7		4,230
9,000	"	10,000	87.4	8.8	24.7	18.9	72.2	12.2	4,010
10,000	"	11,000	116.2	10.7	16.6	26.4	78.0	35.3	3,940
11,000	"	12,000	98.1	9.0	21.1	21.8	59.5	24.1	3,710
12,000	"	13,000	115.3	15.1	17.7	19.7	58.4	35.3	3,850
13,000	"	14,000	73.1	11.9	17.5	14.9	37.9	25.4	3,830
14,000	"	15,000	73.3	9.7	13.8	17.1	32.6	21.6	3,760
15,000	"	16,000	61.7	8.5	13.4	10.7	26.8	18.0	3,640
16,000	"	18,000	101.4	11.7	17.5	14.6	39.1	28.3	3,640
18,000	"	20,000	48.9	8.4	10.7	13.7	20.1	14.4	3,720
20,000	"	25,000	60.0	6.0	10.4	8.0	20.0	22.5	4,410
25,000 and over			38.9	*	9.3	7.9	16.7	17.9	5,590
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,632.9</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>260.1</b>	<b>281.7</b>	<b>705.5</b>	<b>307.3</b>	<b>3,310</b>
—dollars—									
Median earned income of husband			9,670	12,210	11,070	10,450	10,390	13,250	..
Mean earned income of husband			8,820	11,750	11,290	10,760	11,200	14,410	..



**TABLE 21. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS : NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN,  
AGE OF HEAD AND PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)  
(<sup>' 000</sup>)**

Principal source of income						
Age of head (years)	Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	All other sources(b)	Total
NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN						
15-34	299.5	11.6	12.6	6.1	*	330.4
35-54	244.9	15.0	39.0	12.9	6.6	318.3
55-60	144.0	11.6	26.0	20.3	7.7	209.6
60 and over	136.9	20.5	30.8	344.8	82.4	615.4
Total	825.3	58.7	108.4	384.1	97.1	1,473.7
ONE DEPENDENT CHILD						
15-34	184.8	13.3	16.7	5.5	*	221.0
35-54	204.3	20.4	39.1	10.9	} 8.0 {	277.7
55 and over	44.9	*	9.1	11.5		74.4
Total	434.0	37.6	64.9	27.8	8.8	573.1
TWO OR MORE DEPENDENT CHILDREN						
15-24	15.1	*	*	*	*	17.1
25-34	349.2	18.3	56.8	13.6	*	439.1
35-44	418.8	40.7	85.2	17.5	} 6.7 {	565.5
45-54	158.8	17.4	27.7	17.8		225.0
55 and over	21.1	*	*	6.7	*	33.9
Total	962.9	80.5	172.8	56.4	8.2	1,280.7
TOTAL WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN						
15-24	52.9	*	*	*	*	58.9
25-34	496.1	31.0	72.0	17.2	} 6.4 {	618.4
35-44	504.7	52.8	98.5	20.3		680.8
45-54	277.2	25.7	53.6	25.8	} 10.6 {	387.5
55 and over	66.0	8.1	10.8	18.1		108.3
Total	1,396.9	118.1	237.7	84.2	17.0	1,853.9
ALL MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS						
15-24	146.5	*	*	*	*	160.2
25-34	702.0	38.6	83.7	20.6	} 7.2 {	847.4
35-44	553.4	56.5	105.2	21.1		741.0
45-54	473.4	36.9	85.9	38.0	11.5	645.6
55-60	198.2	17.5	32.2	30.3	10.3	288.6
60 and over	148.6	22.7	35.4	352.9	85.2	644.8
Total	2,222.2	176.8	346.1	468.3	114.1	3,327.6

(a) Excludes 6,200 married couple income units reporting no income. (b) Comprises superannuation, interest, dividends, rent, etc., and other sources of income as defined in the Explanatory notes.



**TABLE 22. MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN:  
TOTAL INCOME OF INCOME UNIT, NUMBER OF DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN AND TOTAL INCOME OF HUSBAND, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79**

	Total income of husband (\$)—				Total	Mean total income of husband
	Under 5,000	5,000-9,999	10,000-14,999	15,000 and over		
ONE DEPENDENT CHILD						
	—' 000—					(\$)
Total income of income unit (\$)— Under 7,000	35.7	16.2	..	..	51.9	3,660
7,000 and under 10,000	11.7	53.3	..	..	65.0	7,170
10,000 " 12,000	*	29.5	40.8	..	73.9	9,300
12,000 " 14,000	*	16.4	54.9	..	72.5	11,110
14,000 " 16,000	*	21.6	39.3	11.7	73.6	11,820
16,000 " 18,000	*	12.2	19.7	20.3	52.2	12,860
18,000 " 20,000	*	8.3	18.3	20.4	47.2	13,610
20,000 and over	*	*	42.7	88.5	136.9	18,740
Total	53.7	162.9	215.7	140.9	573.1	12,030
	—dollars—					
Median total income of income unit	5,880	10,810	14,620	22,390	14,660	..
Mean total income of income unit	6,100	11,690	15,770	24,870	15,940	..
TWO DEPENDENT CHILDREN						
	—' 000—					(\$)
Total income of income unit (\$)— Under 10,000	45.5	73.2	..	..	118.7	5,620
10,000 and under 12,000	} 7.1 {	36.6	54.9	..	97.0	9,280
12,000 " 14,000		19.8	84.5	..	106.0	11,260
14,000 " 16,000		*	59.7	10.6	87.0	12,410
16,000 " 18,000		*	15.2	30.3	42.2	88.0
18,000 " 20,000	*	9.3	27.2	28.9	65.8	14,100
20,000 and over	*	6.7	56.1	131.1	194.0	19,540
Total	54.5	176.6	312.6	212.8	756.5	12,880
	—dollars—					
Median total income of income unit	6,720	10,820	14,570	21,900	15,400	..
Mean total income of income unit	6,500	11,450	15,820	24,910	16,760	..
THREE OR MORE DEPENDENT CHILDREN						
	—' 000—					(\$)
Total income of income unit (\$)— Under 10,000	41.5	42.8	..	..	84.3	4,970
10,000 and under 12,000	*	28.1	26.4	..	58.8	8,880
12,000 " 14,000	*	12.5	51.9	..	65.5	10,750
14,000 " 16,000	*	11.6	51.9	*	69.2	12,380
16,000 " 18,000	*	8.9	16.9	30.7	56.8	13,520
18,000 " 20,000	*	11.3	13.4	24.8	49.5	13,960
20,000 and over	*	*	35.7	99.5	140.1	20,080
Total	47.6	120.1	196.2	160.3	524.3	12,920
	—dollars—					
Median total income of income unit	7,010	11,230	14,760	22,150	15,590	..
Mean total income of income unit	6,720	12,180	16,010	24,910	17,010	..
ALL MARRIED COUPLE INCOME UNITS WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN						
	—' 000—					(\$)
Total income of income unit (\$)— Under 7,000	87.9	38.4	..	..	126.4	3,390
7,000 and under 10,000	46.5	147.0	..	..	193.5	6,790
10,000 " 12,000	13.4	94.2	122.1	..	229.7	9,180
12,000 " 14,000	} 6.2 {	48.7	191.3	..	244.0	11,080
14,000 " 16,000		48.9	150.9	27.7	229.8	12,210
16,000 " 18,000		*	66.8	93.1	197.1	13,330
18,000 " 20,000		*	29.0	58.9	74.1	162.5
20,000 and over	*	17.0	134.6	319.1	470.9	19,470
Total	155.7	459.6	724.5	514.0	1,853.9	12,630
	—dollars—					
Median total income of income unit	6,430	10,940	14,650	22,100	15,240	..
Mean total income of income unit	6,430	11,840	15,860	24,900	16,580	..



TABLE 23. ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS: INCOME FROM PRINCIPAL SOURCE, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)

Principal source of income				
	Wages or salary	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	All other sources(b)	Total
— ' 000—				
Income from principal source (\$)—				
1 and under 3,000	*	22.9	} 7.7 {	31.4
3,000     "     5,000	9.2	84.5		97.9
5,000     "     7,000	9.8	14.2	} 7.2 {	26.3
7,000     "     10,000	23.4	*		27.8
10,000    "     12,000	9.2	*	}    *    {	12.0
12,000    "     14,000	6.7	*		7.8
14,000 and over	11.2	*	*	14.7
Total	74.5	124.0	19.5	217.9
—dollars—				
Median income	8,700	3,930	6,730	4,580
Mean income	9,940	3,900	8,890	6,410

(a) Excludes one parent income units reporting no income. (b) Comprises all other sources of income as defined in the Explanatory notes.

TABLE 24. ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS: NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, AGE AND SEX OF PARENT AND PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)  
( ' 000)

Age group of parent (years)	Female one parent income units			Male one parent income units	All one parent income units
	One dependent child	Two or more dependent children	Total		
PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME WAGES OR SALARY					
15-24	*	*	*	} 6.1 {	7.4
25-34	12.9	*	16.6		20.5
35-44	9.3	9.7	19.1		29.4
45 and over	7.3	*	9.5		17.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>74.5</b>
PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME GOVERNMENT SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE CASH BENEFITS					
15-24	15.3	7.7	23.0	*	23.0
25-34	11.2	35.2	46.4	*	46.7
35-44	7.1	18.6	25.7	} 7.4 {	27.8
45 and over	12.4	8.7	21.2		26.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>124.0</b>
TOTAL(b)					
15-24	20.3	8.7	29.0	} 7.1 {	31.2
25-34	25.0	41.3	66.3		71.2
35-44	20.0	31.3	51.3		66.0
45 and over	21.9	12.7	34.6		49.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>181.2</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>217.9</b>

(a) Excludes one parent income units reporting no income. (b) Includes 19,500 one parent income units reporting principal income from all other sources of income as defined in the Explanatory notes.



TABLE 25. ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS: SOURCES OF INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)

	Sources of income		
	Wages or salary	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	All other sources(b)
	—' 000—		
Income from source shown(\$)— 1 and under 1,000	12.5	66.4	71.8
1,000    "    3,000	16.0	35.3	24.4
3,000    "    5,000	10.9	87.1	7.4
5,000 and over	61.0	17.1	14.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>205.8</b>	<b>118.5</b>
	—dollars—		
Median income	7,040	3,030	670
Mean income	7,700	2,670	2,190

(a) An income unit is counted more than once if it received income from more than one of the sources shown above. (b) Comprises all other sources of income as defined in the Explanatory notes.

TABLE 26. ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS: SEX AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PARENT, AGE GROUP OF YOUNGEST CHILD AND MEAN TOTAL INCOME, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

Employment status of parent	Number (' 000)				Mean total income (\$)			
	Age group of youngest child (years)				Age group of youngest child (years)			
	Less than 6	6-14	15-20	Total	Less than 6	6-14	15-20	Total
<b>MALE ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS</b>								
Employed	*	18.8	8.8	31.1	*	12,680	15,880	14,650
Full-year, full-time	*	14.4	7.7	24.7	*	13,560	17,110	16,130
Other	*	*	*	6.4	*	*	*	8,980
<b>Total(a)</b>	*	23.8	9.2	36.7	*	11,080	15,790	13,260
<b>FEMALE ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS</b>								
Employed	18.4	47.4	15.0	80.7	6,200	8,630	9,370	8,210
Full-year, full-time	7.7 {	17.7	7.9	30.0	8,170 {	11,350	10,760	11,000
Full-year, part-time		10.1		16.0		8,800		8,370
Part-year, full-time		8.9	7.0 {	16.6		7,270	7,800 {	6,580
Part-year, part-time	10.6 {	10.7		18.2	4,760 {	5,100		4,970
Not employed	40.7	47.7	12.9	101.2	4,190	4,610	4,770	4,460
<b>Total</b>	59.1	95.1	27.8	182.0	4,820	6,610	7,240	6,130
<b>ALL ONE PARENT INCOME UNITS</b>								
Employed	21.8	66.2	23.8	111.8	8,730	9,780	11,790	10,000
Full-year, full-time	6.9	32.1	15.6	54.6	16,530	12,340	13,890	13,310
Full-year, part-time	8.8 {	10.1	6.7	16.0	5,350 {	8,800	8,390 {	8,370
Part-year, full-time		12.9	*	22.6		8,060		7,210
Part-year, part-time		11.2		18.6		5,280	*	5,080
Not employed	40.9	52.7	13.2	106.9(b)	4,180	4,660	5,030	4,520
<b>Total</b>	62.7	118.9	37.0	218.7	5,760	7,510	9,370	7,320

(a) Includes 5,600 male one parent income units in which parent was not employed. (b) Comprises 14,100 one parent income units in which parent was not employed but looked for work at some time during 1978-79 and 92,800 in which parent was not in the labour force (i.e. those who were not employed and did not look for work).



TABLE 27. ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS: TOTAL INCOME, SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND REST OF AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

			Adults				Juniors(b)			
			Aged persons(a)		Other		Total		Total	
			Six State capital cities(c)	Rest of Australia	Six State capital cities(c)	Rest of Australia	Six State capital cities(c)	Rest of Australia	Six State capital cities(c)	Rest of Australia
— '000—										
Total income (\$)—										
Nil			*	6.6	8.5	9.5	13.3	12.5	*	17.2
1 and under	2,000		8.5		38.6	21.0	47.1	24.6	49.9	39.8
2,000	"	3,000	165.6	108.4	81.1	51.8	246.7	160.1	65.1	48.9
3,000	"	4,000	130.0	64.7	72.6	43.4	202.6	108.1	54.5	37.0
4,000	"	5,000	27.4	16.3	37.5	22.7	65.0	39.1	61.1	30.5
5,000	"	6,000	12.0	12.1	38.6	19.8	50.6	32.0	64.0	31.6
6,000	"	7,000	14.2	7.5	47.5	18.1	61.7	25.6	54.5	27.5
7,000	"	8,000	10.0		71.2	34.8	81.2	39.8	37.0	18.4
8,000	"	9,000	8.5	7.7	105.0	46.1	113.4	48.8	24.5	13.3
9,000	"	10,000			101.1	36.6	105.7	40.8	13.7	7.4
10,000	"	11,000	15.8	7.9	93.3	40.6	98.1	42.1	7.5	
11,000	"	12,000			64.6	26.7	71.0	29.0	*	
12,000	"	13,000			49.6	23.3	52.8	26.0	*	
13,000	"	14,000			41.1	12.0	43.4	12.5	*	
14,000	"	15,000	12.9	7.1	29.6	11.0	31.2	12.9	*	
15,000 and over					79.8	38.7	85.5	40.8	*	
Total			409.6	238.4	959.7	456.2	1,369.3	694.7	441.2	268.4
—dollars—										
Median total income			3,130	3,050	8,800	8,150	6,960	5,090	4,730	4,100
Mean total income			4,300	4,040	8,740	8,140	7,410	6,730	4,970	4,640

(a) Comprises males 65 years and over and females 60 years and over. (b) Comprises males and females under 21 years of age. (c) See paragraph 25 of the Explanatory notes.

TABLE 28. ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS: TOTAL INCOME AND AGE, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79

			Adults			Juniors(b)			All one person income units	
			Aged persons(a)	Males aged 21-64 years	Females aged 21-59 years	Total	Males under 21 years of age	Females under 21 years of age		
— '000—										
Total income(\$)—										
Nil			7.8	10.1	7.9	18.0	*	*	34.7	
1 and under	2,000		12.0	36.5	23.1	59.7	42.7	47.0	161.4	
2,000	"	3,000	273.9	69.2	63.6	132.9	55.5	58.5	520.8	
3,000	"	4,000	194.7	59.6	56.4	116.0	50.4	41.1	402.2	
4,000	"	5,000	43.7	35.3	25.0	60.3	51.9	39.8	195.7	
5,000	"	6,000	24.2	35.9	22.5	58.4	52.3	43.4	178.2	
6,000	"	7,000	21.7	41.6	24.1	65.6	38.8	43.2	169.3	
7,000	"	8,000	15.1	64.9	41.0	105.9	34.0	21.4	176.5	
8,000	"	9,000	11.1	86.2	64.9	151.1	28.5	9.4	200.1	
9,000	"	10,000	8.8	88.7	49.0	137.7	14.8	6.3	167.6	
10,000	"	12,000	14.9	150.7	74.5	225.2	10.9	*	253.2	
12,000	"	14,000	8.7	100.5	25.5	126.0	} 7.8	*	140.2	
14,000	"	16,000	} 11.3 {	56.5	18.4	74.9		*	81.5	
16,000 and over					69.7	14.5	84.2		92.3	
Total			648.0	905.5	510.5	1,415.9	390.9	318.7	2,773.5	
—dollars—										
Median total income			3,100	9,150	7,800	8,600	4,810	4,160	5,400	
Mean total income			4,140	9,190	7,410	8,550	5,250	4,360	6,590	

(a) Comprises males 65 years and over and females 60 years and over. (b) Comprises males and females under 21 years of age.



**TABLE 29. ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS: PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME AND AGE, AUSTRALIA, 1978-79(a)**  
(<sup>' 000</sup>)

Age group (years)	Principal source of income					Total
	Wages or salary	Own business, farm, profession, etc.	Share in partnership	Government social security and welfare cash benefits	All other sources(b)	
MALE ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS						
15-19	260.0	*	*	22.0	*	288.7
20-24	341.8	10.4	9.7	41.2	10.9	414.0
25-34	221.9	20.5	12.4	26.9	*	284.9
35-44	79.7	10.0	6.0	11.3	6.5 {	108.9
45-54	66.2	7.8	6.1 {	13.3		96.8
55-59	27.8	7.0		11.1	6.3 {	49.1
60-64	18.5	8.1 {	*	12.5		40.5
65 and over	9.3		*	103.9	16.3	134.4
Total	1,025.3	66.0	39.3	242.1	44.6	1,417.3
FEMALE ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS						
15-19	194.1	*	*	36.6	9.2 {	236.5
20-24	208.5	6.2 {	6.7 {	36.5		252.9
25-34	99.3			10.3	*	113.2
35-44	39.9	6.2 {	6.7 {	9.4	7.6 {	55.7
45-54	45.6			27.9		82.0
55-59	26.0	6.5 {	6.8 {	36.9	7.7	75.3
60-64	12.4			68.6	9.1	92.6
65 and over	*			365.0	36.5	413.2
Total	631.4	13.6	14.6	591.2	70.8	1,321.5
ALL ONE PERSON INCOME UNITS						
15-19	454.1	*	*	58.5	*	525.2
20-24	550.3	11.9	10.7	77.7	16.2	666.9
25-34	321.1	22.0	13.9	37.1	8.4 {	398.1
35-44	119.7	11.3	8.5	20.6		164.7
45-54	111.9	9.6	6.4	41.2	9.6	178.8
55-59	53.9	9.5	9.9 {	48.0	9.6	124.5
60-64	30.9	*		81.2	13.5	133.1
65 and over	14.9	6.6		468.9	52.8	547.6
Total	1,656.7	79.6	53.9	833.3	115.3	2,738.9

(a) Excludes 34,700 one person income units reporting no income. (b) Comprises superannuation, interest, dividends, rent, etc. and other sources of income as defined in the Explanatory notes.



## TECHNICAL NOTE

### Estimation procedure

Estimates derived from the population survey are obtained by using a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

### Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate, and this is known as the *relative standard error*.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard error of all estimates in this publication. Table A shows standard errors of estimates of numbers of income units for a range of estimate sizes, while Table B shows relative standard errors of estimates of mean and median income for different numbers of income units. These figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate, but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the use of Table A is as follows: Table 1 shows that the estimated number of income units whose total income for 1978-79 was between \$6,000 and \$7,000 was 300,900. From Table A it will be seen that the estimate has a standard error of about 8,500 and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced had all the dwellings been included in the survey would fall within the range 292,400 and 309,400 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value would fall within the range 283,900 to 317,900.

5. The procedure for obtaining the standard error of an estimated mean or median is as follows: from the table containing the mean or median obtain the number of income units to which it refers, from Table B obtain the percentage standard error appropriate to that number, interpolating where necessary, and apply this percentage to the estimated mean or median.

6. An example of the use of Table B is as follows: Table 3 shows the mean total income of married couple income units with no dependent children in Victoria is \$14,190 and the number of such units as 404,100. Table B

shows the relative standard errors of estimates for 300,000 and 500,000 income units to be 3.3 and 2.5 percent respectively. By interpolation, the relative standard error of the estimate is about 2.8 percent or \$400 (2.8 percent of \$14,190). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been obtained had all the dwellings in Victoria been included in the survey would fall within the range \$13,790 to \$14,590 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value would fall within the range \$13,390 to \$14,990.

7. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (estimates of numbers, means, medians and percentages). Such figures are themselves estimates and therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two survey estimates depends on the standard errors of the original estimates and on the relationship (correlation) between the estimates. An approximate standard error of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

Standard error (x-y)

$$= \sqrt{\{\text{Standard error (x)}\}^2 + \{\text{Standard error (y)}\}^2}$$

While this formula will be exact only for differences between separate and uncorrelated (unrelated) characteristics or sub-populations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. An example of the use of the above formula is as follows: Table 8 shows that for married couple income units with no dependent children the difference between the estimates of the mean total income of those in the six State capital cities and the rest of Australia is \$1,440 (\$14,700 less \$13,260). By using the procedure outlined in paragraph 5 the standard errors of the two original estimates can be approximated as \$250 and \$280 respectively. Therefore the standard error of the difference of \$1,440 is  $\sqrt{(\$250)^2 + (\$280)^2}$ , or \$380 (rounded to the nearest 10 dollars). Therefore there are about two chances in three that the difference that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey would fall within the range \$1,060 and \$1,820 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would fall within the range \$680 and \$2,200.

9. As the standard errors in the tables show, the smaller the estimated number of income units the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this publication, estimates below the levels shown in Table A and means, medians and other derived values based on such estimates, have not been included. Although figures for numbers of income units can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.



10. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may have occurred because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and

respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. See paragraph 26 of the Explanatory notes.

TABLE A—STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate (Income units)	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUSTRALIA		
									Relative standard error (per cent)		
				—number—							
2,000						480					
2,500						540					
3,000				780	790	580	780	720			
3,500				830	830	610	830	760			
4,000				880	890	650	880	790			
4,500			1,200	920	930	680	920	830			
5,000			1,200	960	980	710	960	860			
6,000	1,700	1,700	1,300	1,000	1,100	750	1,100	920	1,600	26.0	
10,000	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,300	1,300	910	1,300	1,100	2,000	19.8	
20,000	2,800	2,700	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,200	1,700	1,300	2,800	14.2	
50,000	4,200	3,800	3,100	2,300	2,400	1,600	2,400	1,600	4,100	8.2	
100,000	5,500	5,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	1,800		1,800	5,500	5.5	
200,000	7,100	6,200	5,100	3,700	3,700				7,200	3.6	
300,000	8,200	7,000	5,800	4,100	4,100				8,500	2.8	
500,000	9,800	8,200	6,800	4,700	4,700				10,200	2.0	
1,000,000	12,000	9,900							12,900	1.3	

TABLE B—RELATIVE STANDARD ERRORS OF MEAN OR MEDIAN INCOME (PER CENT)

Number of Income Units	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	N.T.	A.C.T.	AUSTRALIA
2,000						22.1			
3,000				23.2	22.1	18.0	23.2	23.2	
4,000				20.1	19.1	15.6	20.1	20.1	
5,000			21.3	18.0	17.1	13.9	18.0	18.0	
6,000	23.2	23.2	19.4	16.4	15.6	12.7	16.4	16.4	20.1
10,000	18.0	18.0	15.0	12.7	12.1	9.9	12.7	12.7	15.6
20,000	12.7	12.7	10.7	9.0	8.5	7.0	9.0	9.0	11.0
30,000	10.4	10.4	8.7	7.3	7.0	5.7	7.3	7.3	9.0
50,000	8.0	8.0	6.7	5.7	5.4	4.4	5.7	5.7	7.0
100,000	5.7	5.7	4.8	4.0	3.8	3.1	4.0	4.0	4.9
200,000	4.0	4.0	3.4	2.9	2.7				3.5
300,000	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.3	2.2				2.8
500,000	2.5	2.5	2.1						2.2
1,000,000	1.8	1.8							1.6